

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE,
"Ex Freisch Mail Steamer."

Finest ISIGNY BUTTER.

NOILLY PRATT'S VERMOUTH.

Ex S. S. "Glencoe."

WHEATLEY & SON'S

BRECH-LADING GUNS-

CENTRAL FIRE.

Ex S. S. "Hesperus."

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

Ex "Highlander."

At Wholesale Prices.

200 kegs FINE AMERICAN FURNISHING

NAILS, Nos. 3 to 12.

25 " AMERICAN SPIKES, 4 inches to

7 inches.

50 barrels FINE AMERICAN MEAT PORK.

60 " Philadelphia Extra BEEF.

200 " FINEST STRAINED ROBIN.

300 " CITY BUTTER.

100 cases SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

100 barrels DRIED APPLES.

500 cases FLORIDA WATER.

50 barrels AMERICAN TAR.

15 " LAMP GLASS.

50 cases AMERICAN CLOCKS.

COTTON DUCK, CANNED BEEF, MUTTON,

OSTERS, LOBSTERS, CORN,

TOMATOES, CORNED BEEF, CONDENSED

MILK, TOMATO CATSUP, HANDSPIKES,

OAKUM, ASH OARS, MAPLE, ASH,

and WHITE PINE PLANKS.

Ex "Albion Carver."

Florence COOKING STOVES.

STAMBERS and BRILLERS.

CORN BROOMS.

India Rubber KNEE BOOTS.

AGATE WARE, in every variety of Kit-

chen Utensils.

Charter Oak COOKING STOVES.

SPRINK COOKING STOVES.

BOURBON WHISKY.

Ex Steamers with Suez Canal.

DOUGLAS' OFFICE CHAIRS.

Messrs GARDNER & Co.'s PREPARED

VENEER.

HIGH REVOLVING OFFICE CHAIRS.

HIGH-BACK OFFICE CHAIRS.

BOOKING FOLDING CHAIRS.

DINING-ROOM CHAIRS.

LADIES' BOOKING CHAIRS.

The above can be highly recommended for

office and domestic use, being admirably

adapted to this climate.

Ex "Jennifer."

CHROME & BLACKWELL'S AND OTHER

HOUSEHOLD STORES.

Physician's DESSERT FRUITS.

SAVOURY PATE.

GAME PATE.

PORK PATE.

OX PALATES.

HUNG (Hambro) BEEF.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

FRUITS for Ice.

SHERBET.

COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

EMERY COCOA.

ROBINSON'S GELATINE.

Russia OX-TONGUES.

French PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SARDINES.

ANCHOVIES.

Breakfast BACON.

ASPARAGUS.

MACARONI.

VERMICELLI.

SAUSAGES.

MEATS.

SOUPS, &c., &c.

COPYING PRESSES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.

Boiled CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Famly PIG-PORK, in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Bean Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SARDINES and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINGEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Assorted American SYRUPS, for Sum-

mer Drinks.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

CLAM CHOWDER.

Codfish BALLS.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE

AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Capt.

WYNN, will be despatched as above

on THURSDAY, the 8th December, at

Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at

the Office up to 11 p.m. of 7th December.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board

before delivery is taken, otherwise they

will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Yokohama & Nagasaki, 75 30

Yokohama & Yokohama, 120 40

A Reduction is made on RETURN CARIN

PASSAGES.

CARIN and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki

will be transported to the Shanghai Mail

Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the

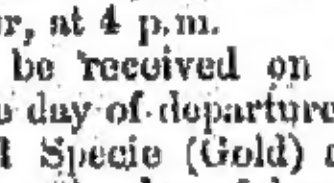
Company's OFFICES, PRATA CENTRAL, West

Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1881. de8



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE

GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MALE, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,

ANCONA, VENICE, AND LONDON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND

AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through BILL

of Lading for BATAVIA, PERLAIN

GULF PORTS, MALACCA, SINGAPORE,

TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK

AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

WALLER, Captain A. W. Adamson, with

Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched

from this office for LONDON, via BOMBAY

and SUEZ CANAL, on MONDAY, the

12th December, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until

10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office

until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

80k and Valuable for Europe will be

transported to Port of Call, free and

General Cargo for London will be conveyed

via Bombay without transshipment, arriving

one week later than by the ordinary direct

route via Suez.

For further Particulars, regarding

FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Conditions and Value of Packages are

printed in the Bill of Lading.

Shippers are particularly requested to

note the terms and conditions of the Com-

pany's Bill of Lading.

Passengers to England are now booked

to London, instead of Southampton, as

hitherto.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1881. de12

Occidental & Oriental Steam-

Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

AND

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELLOU will be despatched

for San Francisco via Yokohama,

on FRIDAY, the 16th December, 1881,

at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,

with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to

address in full; and same will be received

at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the

day previous to sailing.

A Reduction of 25 % made on all

RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-

land, Mexican, Central and South American

Cargo, should be sent to the Company's

Offices addressed to the Collector of Cus-

tom, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 30, 1881. de10

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA

OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING

AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF

ALBANY, will be despatched

for San Francisco via Yokohama,

on SATURDAY, the 31st December, 1881,

at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight,

for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and

Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-

land Railways to Havre, Trinidad, and

Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central

and South America, by the Company's and

connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all

trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On prepaid RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS a

Reduction of 25 % is made.

Freight will be received on board until 4

p.m. on the 30th Instant. Parcel Packages

will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,

same day; all Parcel Packages should be

marked to address in full; value of same

is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland

Cargo should be sent to the Company's

Office in San Francisco, addressed to the

Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,

Gen. Agent for China & Japan.

Hongkong, December 2, 1881. de31

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. LEMING having arrived from

the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby requested to send in their Bills

of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature and to take immediate delivery

of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be

at once landed and stored at Consignees'

risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1881. de10

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenloch having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo by her and by the S.S. Africa and

S.S. Utopia from New York, are hereby

informed that their Goods, with the ex-

ception of Opium, are being landed at

their risk into the Godowns of the Under-

signed, whence and/or from the Wharves

or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before

4 p.m. To-day, the 30th November.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

7th December will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1881. de7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

Hokkaido, December 6:	
9 A.M.	30,323
1 P.M.	20,238
4 P.M.	30,220
9 A.M.	68
1 P.M.	72
4 P.M.	72
(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	65
Do. 1 P.M.	68
Do. 4 P.M.	89
Maximum	72
Minimum over night	67

INSURANCES.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in HONGKONG and CHINA for the above Company, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3my82

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUND £1,938,936.17
April, 1881.

Directors:
F. B. FURBER, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOWN, Esq., W. M. MEYER, Esq.,
J. H. FINKEL, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BAILLIE BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies are issued at a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, and the Portion of the Undersigned Business are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881. loc82

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at Current Rates. RISKS on First Class Goods Reduced to 1/2 not premium per annum from this date.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

THE SOUTH-BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances against FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GIBB & STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Corporation at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1883.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

VISITORS' COLUMN.

We have instituted an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (5,000 volumes) and Museum—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Luncheon Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seminary's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars—MAC-EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR DRIVERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

(Chairs and Ordinary Pullage Boats.)

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts.

Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts.

Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA FERRY.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 10 cts.

Three Coolies, 8 cts.

Two Coolies, 6 cts.

Returns (direct or by Pak-fo-tum).

Four Coolies, 10 cts.

Three Coolies, 8 cts.

Two Coolies, 6 cts.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak) 10 cts. each Coolie.

(12 hours) Gap, 20 cts. each Coolie.

Licensed Drivers (each).

Hour, 10 cts.

Half day, 35 cts.

Day, 60 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

picauls, per Day, 30.00

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

picauls, per Load, 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

picauls, per Day, 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

picauls, per Load, 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picauls, per Day, 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picauls, per Load, 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of

300 picauls, Half Day, 50

Sampans.

or Pullage Boats, per Day, 10.00

One Hour, 20

Half-an-Hour, 10

After 6 p.m. 10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 30 cts.

Half Day, 20 "

Three Hours, 12 "

One Hour, 6 "

Half Hour, 3 "

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

Dec. 8, 1881.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.							
H.K. and Shanghai Bank.	40,000	125	125	1,000,000	3,734.00	30	112 1/2 prem.
INSURANCES.							
Nth. China Ins.	1,000	2,000	2,000	238,000	1,251,034.91	75	112 1/2 p. sh.
Yantai Ins.	1,200	2,400	2,400	500,488	1,347,447.66	12 1/2	75.85
China Ins.	300	2,000	2,000	381,757	437,088.78	144 1/2	81.65
China Trade Ins.	600	1,800	600	475,000	70,278.43	20 1/2	81.65
China Ins. Co.	1,600	1,000	200	100,378	42,869.70	6 1/2	82.90
H.K. Fire Ins.	2,000	1,000	200	701,842	226,847.81	87 1/2	82.90
China Fire Ins.	4,000	500	100	433,984	103,029.08	18 1/2	83.00
STEAM SHIP.							
H.K. and M. Steamboat.	8,000	100	75	110,000		6 1/2	82 1/2 prem.
China Coast S. Navigation.	5,000	100	100	78,932	31,474.04	16 1/2	
MINGELAND.							
H.K. & Wh. Dock.	10,000	125	125	28,766	1,499.20	4 1/2	33 1/2 pm.
H.K. and China Ins. Co.	2,000	100	100			32 1/2	81.00 p. sh.
H.K. Ins. Co.	2,000	100	100			32 1/2	81.00 p. sh.
China Sugar Co.	6,000	100	100				
H.K. Ins. Co.	1,250	100	100				
H.K. Bakery	500	50	50		3,161	85	85.00
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp., 1874	4,276	100	all	8 1/2	June 30 Dec 31		
" 1877	16,042	100	all	8 1/2	Feb. 28 Oct. 31		
" 1878	3,890	100	all	8 1/2	April & Oct.		
" 1881	8,600	100	all	8 1/2	June & Dec.		
Sugar Debentures, 1880	600	300,000	all	8 1/2	June & Dec.		

For half-year ended 30th June, 1881. \$ For year 1880.

To 30th April, 1881.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised July 1st, 1881.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers not to be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Printed Circulars may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied notes, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.R. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz.

Comm. Papers, None.

Newspapers, 2

Books & Patterns, 5

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua.

Letters, 30

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via London, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

A small extra charge is made on delivery.

There is a Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

For Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, and other ports, see the following table.

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Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 6 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at the places of business, if a wish to that effect is expressed by the sender; otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps collected before the nature of the contents was discovered.